MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, October 12, 2005 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Moore, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Dillon, Murphy, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Garfield, Baxter. (2/19)

Representative Hopgood made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2005, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5237 before the Committee.

HB 5237 Nofs Communications; telecommunications; general amendments; provide for.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5237:

Nancy Lindman, representing the Michigan Association of United Ways, in support Bob Brown, representing The Senior Alliance, in support with amendments

Linda Teeter, representing Michigan Citizen Action, no position indicated on testimony card

Nancy Katz, representing the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, no position indicated on testimony card

Rich Studley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, in support

Jim Weeks, representing the Michigan Municipal Electric Association, no position indicated on testimony card

Paul Beckhusen, representing the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities, no position indicated on testimony card

Tim Morawski, representing the Coldwater Board of Public Utilities, no position indicated on testimony card

Ray Anderson, representing the City of Norway Board of Public Works, no position indicated on testimony card

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), in opposition Chairman Peter Lark, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), neutral on the bill

Donna Burke, representing SBC, no position stated on testimony card

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Representative Stahl made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative LaJoy. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:05 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538